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- 11. (C) Acting Pol/Econ Chief delivered reftel demarch and talking points June 30 to Hos Sereythong, Director, Asia 1 Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs an International Cooperation. He noted that while he was familiar with press reports regarding the vessel in question, he had not yet received any official information from his government regarding its response. He said that he would share this information with the relevant officials.
- 12. (C) Hos Sereythong acknowledged that Burmese cooperation in this matter is a positive development. However, when encouraged to urge the Burmese to accept third party involvement in inspections, he reiterated the Royal Government of Cambodia's policy to adhere to ASEAN's principles of non-intervention and respect for national sovereignty.

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